

MAY 14, 2013

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VIA: HAND DELIVERY

Julie Russell, Director Charter Schools Division California Department of Education 1430 N. Street Sacramento, CA 95814

> Re: Description of Changes to the Petition Necessary to Reflect the State Board of Education as the Authorizing Entity

Dear Ms. Russell:

The S.C.A.L.E. Leadership Academy (the "Charter School") charter petition was submitted to the Rialto Unified School District (the "District"). The District voted to deny the petition on November 14, 2012. The charter was appealed to the San Bernardino County Board of Education and denied on April 1, 2013.

The Charter School respectfully submits its charter petition on appeal to the State Board of Education. We have listed below the relevant and appropriate changes to the charter petition which are necessary to reflect approval by the State Board of Education:

1. Chartering Authority

Any text referring to the Rialto Unified School District, RUSD, or the District <u>as the chartering authority</u> would be revised to read "State Board of Education ("SBE")" or the "California Department of Education ("CDE") as the oversight agency.

2. Dispute Resolution

The Dispute Resolution language in the charter petition will be followed by the paragraph below:

"The Charter School recognizes that, because the SBE is not a local educational agency, the State Board of Education may choose to resolve a dispute directly instead of pursuing the dispute resolution process specified in the charter, it must first hold a public hearing to consider

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Letter Describing Changes to Petition Necessary to Reflect the State Board of Education as the Authorizing Entity

Bonnie Galloway, Administrator

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> arguments for and against the direct resolution of the dispute instead of pursuing the dispute resolution process specified in the charter."

3. Special Education Plan

Instead of acting as a public school of the District for purposes of special education, the Charter School will be its own local educational agency ("LEA") and will apply directly for membership in the San Bernardino County Special Education Local Plan Area ("SELPA"). Should the Charter School be denied membership in the San Bernardino County SELPA, it will apply for membership in the El Dorado County Charter SELPA.

4. Technical Amendments

The Charter School will comply with any and all technical amendments to its charter as required by the SBE and the CDE.

We will make every effort to submit any supplemental documentation that the State Board of Education or California Department of Education may request in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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